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Cambodian Army units are securing the area around the town of Kompong Luong, 20 miles northwest of Phnom Penh, following their successful push up Route 5 on June 18. The town had been in Khmer Communist hands since late April. Just to the north, government river convoys have evacuated the last civilian refugees from the isolated government base of Lovek. Nearly 5,000 military dependents have chosen to stay at Lovek.

Government defenders are bracing for further Communist attacks against the garrison town of Prek Tamerl, on the east bank of the Mekong River 15 miles upstream from Phnom Penh. Prek Tamerl was the target of heavy shellings

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and ground attacks earlier in the week and the insurgents may be preparing for a determined effort to take the town.

In the far southwest, the Communists are increasing pressures against government positions around the port of Kompong Som and the nearby government airbase at Ream. Yesterday government forces succeeded in reducing somewhat enemy control of Route 4 three miles east and west of Ream but insurgent forces remain in control of an abandoned oil refinery just outside Kompong Som.